

H. Res. 352. A resolution calling for a peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea and its environs and other maritime areas adjacent to the East Asian mainland; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. LEE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana):

H. Res. 353. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on Nelson Mandela International Day; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MATHESON (for himself and Ms. BERKLEY):

H. Res. 354. A resolution congratulating the staff, community, and patrons of the Utah Shakespeare Festival on the festival's 50th anniversary; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BOREN:

H.R. 2550.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. CRENSHAW:

H.R. 2551.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. GOODLATTE:

H.R. 2552.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The United States Constitution Article 1 Clause 8.

By Mr. MICA:

H.R. 2553.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1, Clause 3, and Clause 18.

By Mrs. MALONEY:

H.R. 2554.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, which reads: The Congress shall have Power \* \* \* To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. TURNER:

H.R. 2555.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, U.S. Constitution

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio:

H.R. 2556.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The above mentioned legislation is based upon the following Section 8 statement:

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2557.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill is based is Congress's power under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. CICILLINE:

H.R. 2558.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 2559.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CHAFFETZ:

H.R. 2560.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 1 of section 8 of article I; and article V of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 2561.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution, known as the Postal Clause, empowers Congress:

To establish Post Offices and post Roads.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7. In addition, Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2, provides:

"The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

The Postal Clause, an express Constitutional duty imposed upon Congress, carries with it the right to establish post offices, and with that right, is the concomitant right to operate, name, design, refurbish, and staff such post offices. This bill simply seeks to name a post office. The Property Clause further buttresses the plenary right of Congress to manage its properties, including implementing "needful" rules and regulations, which would include the ability to name a federal building.

Though not of constitutional import, it is important to note that this bill does not name a post office after a living person. The person to be honored by this bill died during combat operations in service to her country. Thus, the unseemly practice of naming federal properties after living persons is not implicated herein.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 2562.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2.

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

Currently, the federal government possesses approximately 1.8 billion acres of land. The land at issue in this bill is but a small part of those holdings. The U.S. Constitution specifically addresses the relationship of the federal government to lands. Article IV, §3, Clause 2—the Property Clause—gives Congress plenary power and full authority over federal property. The U.S. Supreme Court has described Congress's power to legislate under this Clause as "without limitation." Because of this express Constitutional authority, Congress has the right, if not the duty, to properly manage its public lands, including establishing forestation policies, and tree harvesting and tree salvaging. This bill falls squarely within the express Constitutional power set forth in the Property Clause.

By Mr. HALL:

H.R. 2563.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States, as enumerated in Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 2564.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. LOEBSACK:

H.R. 2565.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution which grants Congress the power to provide for the general Welfare of the United States.

By Mr. MARKEY:

H.R. 2566.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. PIERLUISI:

H.R. 2567.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of the Congress to provide for the general welfare of the United States, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, and to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution such power as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 2568.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution

The 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution